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Hockeyville title eludes Haliburton

*Haliburton short on votes,
not heart in online competition*

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

After two championship wins by Highland Storm hockey teams on Saturday, taking the Kraft Hockeyville title seemed inevitable for Haliburton.

However when Hockey Night in Canada host George Stroumbouloupoulos named Chatham-Kent and North Saanich as the final two communities left in the nationwide Hockeyville contest, hearts across Haliburton sank a little.

Dysart chief administrative officer Tamara Wilbee, who returned from her hunt camp to watch Hockey Night in Canada at McKecks, was still smiling despite the disappointing results.

"I can't believe the amount of people I saw on Facebook, Twitter and talking to them on the streets that were just voting and voting. And, how many times they voted," she said. "I thought we had a really good chance, but it's a big place, Chatham-Kent with 100,000 people ... In some ways I thought because we were a small town we might have had a better chance. Everybody was talking about it,"

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The Minden Pharmasave Highland Storm Peewee Boys team celebrate after beating the Ingersoll Express for the OMHA Peewee B championship on Saturday, March 28 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The Storm overcame a 2-0 deficit at the start of the third to win 4-2 and take the series (3-2) and win the provincial championship. /DARREN LUM Staff

Peewees become all-Ontario champions

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Hundreds stood, shoulder to shoulder, arms raised in the air, shouting congratulations to the triumphant Highland Storm Peewee players on the ice while tears

were shed at the visitors' bench belonging to the Ingersoll Express after the 4-2 final at the OMHA Peewees B Championship game at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena on Saturday, March 29 in Minden.

It was a fairy-tale ending, as the Storm seemed completely out of contention until exploding for four unanswered goals in

the third period to erase a 2-0 deficit and seize the championship title.

Head coach Jason Morissette calls this championship win an amazing achievement.

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RPM helps feed local kids

The co-owners of RPM (Recreation Powersports Marine) Alan Gordon, left front, and Lisa Robbins with staff members presented a \$2,100 cheque to Food for Kids co-ordinator Aaron Walker on Wednesday, March 25 at the Haliburton store. The money was raised from the annual winter Food for Kids fundraising event, which took the proceeds of all snowmobile clothing sold over three days leading up to and on the Family Day weekend. Walker said this money from an ongoing sponsor will help to pay for 25 per cent of the breakfast food given at an average school. Close to 15 snowmobile suits that weren't sold will be distributed through the county by Point in Time and area food banks. The RPM ownership group has donated close to \$6,000 to Food for Kids in the last two years.

Echo wins four national awards

The *Haliburton County Echo* has won four Canadian Community Newspaper Awards.

On Friday, the Canadian Community Newspaper Association announced the winners of its annual celebration of excellence.

The *Echo* came in second in its circulation category for Best Overall Paper, third for Best Front Page and third for Best Editorial Page. It also received a Blue Ribbon for general excellence.

The paper came in second in the Excellence in Rural Reporting open circulation category for last summer's feature series on local food written by Jenn Watt.

Casey leaves Pinestone

Dennis Casey has decided not to continue as general manager of Pinestone Resort and Conference Centre.

On March 26, he announced on Facebook that "after two days I have discontinued my employment at Pinestone."

In an interview with the *Echo*, Casey said it was an amicable agreement not to continue with plans that would see him running the resort, conference centre and golf course outside of Haliburton.

"I decided it wasn't for me," Casey said.

Casey started at Pinestone on March 23.

The *Echo* has not yet heard back from Vrancor Group, which owns the resort.

Lip balm family to go into the Dragons' Den

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

It was the call they were hoping for.

On March 16 the Barton family received news that their animal inspired collectable lip balms, called BeBe Bartoons, would be appearing on popular CBC television show *Dragons' Den*.

Skiing at Sir Sam's at the time of the phone call, the family was ecstatic when they found out the product they designed and developed would be pitched to a panel of successful entrepreneurs.

"When he announced 'congratulations, you have been selected out of 1,000s of applicants to appear on *Dragons' Den*' everyone was screaming woohoo," Michelle Barton told the paper.

Entering its 10th season, *Dragons' Den* is a reality television show where entrepreneurs compete for investor dollars.

BeBe Bartoons was developed by Michelle, husband Andrew and their two girls Danielle and Heather, with the family now looking forward to preparing for their

taping, scheduled for April 28 at the CBC studio in Toronto.

"We have been working very hard to get the product into as many stores as possible before the Den," said Michelle. "We have also tried to get as much exposure for the product as possible to create awareness."

BeBe Bartoons has been receiving rapid media exposure, (including the March 17 issue of the *Haliburton Echo*), which is helping the family prepare for the *Dragons'*, said Michelle.

"The girls are a bit scared that the *Dragons* will be mean to us like they see on TV. Our producer told us they are usually nicer when kids are involved," said Michelle.

The family is hoping their pitch will attract the attention and support of a few of the *Dragons'*, as well as marketing assistance and contacts.

People can find more info on the product on kickstarter.com, including how to pre-order the BeBe Bartoons collection.

"This will also impress the *Dragons'* we hope as they also need to see the passion behind the product," said Michelle.

The BeBe Bartoons episode is scheduled to air in the fall.

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V&S to close or sell by fall

JENN WATT

Editor

By October of this year, V&S owners Andy and Sandra Glecoff expect to be moving on to other endeavours.

At that point, the store they've owned for 20 years on Haliburton's main street will either close or be sold.

"It's time to look for another place to invest in," Andy Glecoff said on Monday morning.

In recent years, revenues haven't kept up with escalating costs prompting the couple to make the difficult decision to close shop after this coming summer.

"It's very tough and it's tough on us and tough on our staff as well," he said. He lauded his workers for their skills and experience saying they would be easily integrated into other town businesses.

Until the end of September, V&S will continue on as usual.

"We have full summer goods coming in and full assortments like we always have. We're not changing any of that," Glecoff said.

Very few longtime family businesses still exist in Haliburton, he said, pointing specifically to online shopping as one of the biggest challenges a store like his faces.

"If you talk to the courier companies, they're constantly delivering to homes rather than businesses," he said.

It is also hard to compete against larger companies.

"Being an individual store, we can't buy at the costs the chains are buying at," he said.

The Glecoffs have owned V&S since October 1995.

\$25,000 winnings earmarked for energy conservation

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she said.

Like virtually every season before the NHL playoffs for the Toronto Maple Leafs, a favourite team of most in Haliburton to cheer and jeer, the belief there is always next year after missing the playoffs or suffering an early exit. However, Wilbee wasn't so sure.

"I don't know. Maybe something [will be] different next year. Maybe we look for a different avenue to go down because we tried this one and made 10 out of a thousand entries," she said.

Making it to the top 10 of communities in the country for the Kraft Hockeyville contest earned Haliburton \$25,000 in arena upgrades.

Wilbee said this has been "earmarked for energy conservation."

The arena will be more comfortable with plans for heating, which includes adding insulation to the walls and the addition of a system for dehumidification.

"We hear that a lot from the players and fans. Now I can't say for sure, I'm one person, but that's what we hear a lot of and we certainly said right from the start with \$25,000 we'd be able to do a lot to help to get it more comfortable where the people are playing and watching," she said.

The winner of the contest will be announced on April 4. Besides the \$100,000 in arena upgrades, the winner also hosts an NHL pre-season hockey game.

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— Tamara Wilbee

Bouwmeister buys Wigamog resort

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

One of Haliburton's grand resorts is heading into a new chapter.

On March 30, Gary Bouwmeister confirmed to the paper he had purchased the former Wigamog resort, located on the shores of Lake Kashagawigamog on Wigamog Road.

The owner of a landscaping and renovation business, which operates in the Greater Toronto Area and Haliburton Highlands, Bouwmeister decided to buy the former resort the day it went on the market.

"I knew the place was power of sale ... and I've had a few visions to bring it back," said Bouwmeister. "Right now just working on different plans and ideas."

More than 40 acres in size, the property also includes many buildings and opportunities. The closing date for the purchase is May 14.

"This is a unique property in our midst and [I'm] looking forward to this challenge," Bouwmeister told the paper.

With long-standing ties to the area, Bouwmeister, 53, used to spend summers with his family at Willow Beach in the 1970s.

"Then I bought my first cottage on Kashagawigamog back in 2002 and we used to go there quite a bit, snowmobiling and boating, etc," he said.

Bouwmeister eventually decided to bring his landscaping business to the Highlands, seeing an opportunity to expand his business and serve cottagers like himself from the GTA.

"I saw this property that came up for sale ... eventually I want to retire up there and I felt that this way I could be in close proximity of my investment," he said.

The owner is not ready to disclose too many details about plans for the property, but is hopeful about what the future holds for the resort.

"I'm very excited," he said.

The Wigamog ran for many decades as a resort, conference centre and spa until closing its doors in 2009. The previous owners reopened part of the resort in 2011, however it has not been operating for the past few years.

MNRF lays 33 charges

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry laid 33 charges and issued 127 warnings during a two-day enforcement blitz in the Minden area.

On March 14 and 15, conservation officers from the Bancroft Enforcement Unit and the ministry's canine unit checked 230 anglers on more than 50 natural lake trout and walleye lakes. Many of the lakes have special restrictions in place to protect sensitive lake trout populations. Officers were checking for compliance with the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, the Ontario Fishery Regulations and public

safety legislation, such as the Motorized Snow Vehicles Act.

Officers also seized lake trout of a prohibited size. In addition, an unlawfully kept muskellunge was revived and successfully released back into the water.

Anglers are reminded to check the regulations before fishing on an unfamiliar lake. A number of lakes in the province have exceptions to the general regulations on slot sizes, lines, bait use and limits. These exceptions help to conserve sensitive fish populations.

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Land trust director resigns

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Staff Reporter

After a year at the helm, Larry O'Connor has left his position as the executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust.

O'Connor's resignation was announced through a press release issued by the organization on March 25, with the board of directors thanking O'Connor for his work and wishing him success in his future endeavours.

"Larry and the board had some differences in ideas of directions for the future and Larry chose to resign," said Haliburton Highlands Land Trust board chairwoman Dianne Mathes.

O'Connor was hired in March of last year, following a \$150,000 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant the land trust received to fund the new position.

The chairwoman said when the land trust hired O'Connor, the contract included a clause that allows either party to end the relationship at any point during the two-year term.

"And he has chosen to end his contract," she said. "We have a continuing contract with Trillium [for the position]."

When asked why he resigned from the position, O'Connor said he finished his contract.

"I'm done my work there," he said.

The former executive director said he has no immediate plans, other than to spend more time with his wife.

"We moved up here to retire and I kind of disappointed her by going back to work too soon," said O'Connor. "I've got lots of things to do around the house."

Looking back on the past year, O'Connor said there has been an extensive amount of work done by the not-for-profit group focused on land preservation and protection.

He points to the turtle road mortality project as one major achievement of the land trust.

"It's a great organization," he said. "The turtle road mortality project is a huge project that's probably one that will stand the test of time ... the volunteer engagement was huge. There's a lot of positive things happening at the land trust."

O'Connor said he is resigning as executive director effective immediately, but plans to stay in the community.

"I've set up a whole year's worth of activities for them to follow and hopefully they'll carry through with it and I wish them all the best," he said.

Moving forward, the board will meet to discuss next steps for the organization, said Mathes.

"Obviously there's a process that the board goes through when an executive director chooses to resign or end their contract," she said. "We will be engaging in that shortly ... but what that looks like we don't know yet."

Seniors programming gets federal dollars

JENN WATT

Editor

Haliburton County initiatives received more than \$87,000 to improve seniors programming and facilities across the region from the federal government.

Through the New Horizons for Seniors program, SIRCH Community Services, Wilberforce Heritage Guild, Abbey Gardens and the Haliburton Highlands Museum all received money.

The Safe At Home Project through SIRCH received just under \$25,000 to provide 200 seniors in the county with home safety audits.

Money will go to a part-time co-ordinator, volunteer and staff travel and some equipment and repairs, SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson said.

The audits and case management will be done by trained volunteers. The project will help the seniors "develop a plan to access priority equipment and repairs to decrease their risk of falls or other injuries," the project summary reads.

Abbey Gardens in West Guilford received a little more than \$13,000 for benches and trails, creating space on their property where people can walk with ease, executive director Heather Reid said. A small amount of the money will go to part-time staff, she said.

Additionally, Abbey Gardens is developing a seniors advisory committee. "The idea of the advisory committee is to invite interested individuals and organizations to the table to provide advice and direction related to new programs," Reid said. Anyone interested in being on the committee should contact Reid.

She said those who visit Abbey Gardens are already largely within the senior population, so improvements would directly benefit them as well as make the centre more appealing for new visitors.

The Wilberforce Heritage Guild received almost \$25,000 "to encourage seniors to capture, promote and preserve the culture and heritage of Highlands East through collaboration between three volunteer heritage organizations," a press release from MP Barry Devolin's office reads.

The Haliburton Highlands Museum also received \$25,000, which will be used to "allow seniors involved with the organization to plan and deliver programs such as community gardens and winter sports."

More than 13,000 projects across Canada have received New Horizons funding since 2006.

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— Heather Reid, Abbey Gardens executive director



Dave Peddle of Signs of Change readies the Rotary International wheel for installation at the front of the bandshell in Head Lake Park on Friday, March 27 in Haliburton.



The Rotary International wheel was installed at the front of the bandshell in Head Lake Park on Friday, March 27 in Haliburton. The Rotary Club of Haliburton said this is the "last piece of the puzzle" to the bandshell, which will still have landscaping added this spring. The cedar wheel, measuring 36 inches in diameter and 3 inches in depth was made and donated by Signs of Change. The club thanks CRS Contractors Rental Supply in Haliburton for providing the lift. /DARREN LUM Staff



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Local woman spearheads fundraising campaign for young boy

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Staff Reporter

To know Logan is to love Logan, and it is that love that has a local woman working hard to raise funds to help a seven-year-old boy who is fighting for his life.

When Amy Valm first found out that Logan Stangler, the son of family friends, was diagnosed with Bronchiolitis Obliterans in January of 2014, she began offering emotional support.

Son of Carrie and Scott Stangler, who grew up and cottaged in the Haliburton Highlands, Logan was admitted to Sick Kids hospital, where he has been on and off for the past 14 months.

"A friend told me that Carrie and Logan were at Sick Kids, because I live in Toronto, and she asked if I could go and visit because it was a really stressful time," said Valm. "I just kind of developed a relationship with that family from there because truly to know Logan is to love Logan. He's a very sweet little boy, he's super smiley no matter what he's going through ... he's very optimistic and a very resilient little boy."

A happy boy who loves Lego, Star Wars and playing video games, Logan also loves being with people and chatting with them.

"He's so spry and happy, which is good and we hope that he stays that way," said Valm.

The condition affects Logan's lungs, as the airways are compressed, creating scar tissue that makes it difficult for air to flow through, said Valm.

During the past few months Valm has wanted to do more than visit with Logan, so she began by organizing a bake sale

and silent auction, which raised about \$1,200 for the family, who have been living in Toronto at Ronald McDonald House for the past nine months while Logan undergoes treatments.

Now Valm has set her sights on a bigger goal, undertaking an online crowdfunding campaign through Canadian charity Fund Aid.

The hope is to raise money to help the family, who have to endure many appointments, long stays at the hospital, make rent payments at Ronald McDonald House and have the added expense of making their home an accessible and safe environment for Logan.

Valm's goal is to raise \$5,000 through Fund Aid.

She was given help and support with the crowdfunding campaign from one of her former bosses, former *Haliburton County Echo* editor Martha Perkins.

Years after their relationship began at the *Haliburton Echo* office, life has Valm and Perkins working together again.

"I've always been close with Martha Perkins and I knew that she ran the Fund Aid site, so I got in touch with her," said Valm. "She's really helped me spearhead this project."

Set-up a week ago, Love for Logan invites everyone to give what they can through an online donation.

Contributions can range from \$5 to however much an individual wants to donate. All funds raised will go directly to the Stanglers, said Valm.

Aside from monetary donations, Valm is also encouraging those with carpentry or construction skills to offer their help with the family's home renovations.

"It would be amazing to have volunteers help Scott ... put in plumbing or elec-



Seven-year-old Logan in the playground of Toronto's Ronald McDonald House, his home for the last nine months. In January 2014 Logan was diagnosed with Bronchiolitis Obliterans and has been undergoing treatments since his diagnosis. Photo by Shane Campbell

trical or anything that needs to be done in a home," she said.

Thoughts and prayers for the family members are always welcome as well.

The treatment that Logan is currently receiving via an IV drip twice a day to help ward off the post-transplant lymphoma is called ganciclovir, according to Valm.

The family was expecting to have Logan released from Sick Kids this past January, however a tumour that appeared on Logan's lung prevented that from hap-

pening.

While the prognosis for Logan is unclear, Valm remains hopeful for the family and the little boy's future.

"They're staying really positive," she said. "We hope that he'll live a long and happy life."

To support Love for Logan, or for more information, visit www.fundrazr.com and search Love for Logan.

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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Hockey town

DESPITE NOT MAKING the top two for Kraft Hockeyville this year, Haliburton is still on top when it comes to hockey.

On Saturday night, the Pee wee A team took gold in the all-Ontario finals – just hours after the Midget girls team won the Lower Lakes Female Hockey League gold in Oshawa. (The girls still have their provincial playoffs April 10 to 12.)

Head coach Jason Morissette told the *Echo* that the entire Storm league's focus on teamwork over individualism is what has led to recent years' success.

We made it to the top 10 of the Hockeyville competition because of the passion this community has for hockey. Even if we don't have the population to vote our way to the top, the success of our teams tells the story.

(And hey, we've got \$25,000 to spend on our arena, so it's not too bad!)

Measuring progress

It's a special experience to put together a progress report. Within the space of a month, you get to sit down with decision-makers and committed community boosters and ask them to talk about the direction this county is going.

In some cases you hear about the standard challenges that we're always grappling with here: the economy is lopsided toward seasonal tourism; taxes are going up; and the area is large in geography but small in population.

Those are *the* issues and it's essen-

tial that our institutions continue to address them.

On the other hand, there is surprising innovation and growth happening that has nothing to do with our common challenges.

Our health-care system has simultaneously integrated and expanded. More than \$1 million will flow into Haliburton Highlands Health Services each year for the new geriatric assessment program with new full-time staff and services.

Haliburton School of the Arts is evolving, bringing more design into

its programming and enhancing its already strong hands-on programming for artists.

The various local governments are working to expand services, improving quality of life programming, which really is why we choose to live here in the first place.

Check out the Progress report inside this week's *Echo*.



jenn watt

Editorial

Sad news

We were shocked on the weekend to hear of the passing of Shawn Hagerman. Shawn was well known for his kindness, passion for Haliburton County and commitment to bettering the community. A familiar face at Chamber of Commerce events, you could also find Shawn on the stage, volunteering or admiring nature. His funeral will take place at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton on Wednesday, April 1 at 1 p.m.



Slide

by Darren Lum

Our Juno connections

THE JUNOS ARE CANADA'S music awards. Since 1970, awards have been presented annually to Canadian musical artists to acknowledge artistic and technical achievements in all aspects of music.

This year the ceremony was held in Hamilton and two of our musically talented and appreciative community members, Thom Lambert and Sue Shikaze, went down to volunteer. They have many great stories to tell from their experience, and one of them is about the number of Juno nominees and award winners who have performed in Haliburton County (over the years) because of the Haliburton Folk Society concerts, Winter Folk Camp, the Blues Series, Razzamataz, Forest Festival and other concerts.

Sue composed a list for me (she often features these artists on her Sunday Afternoon Delight radio show on Canoe FM at 3 p.m.). The list is impressive. It is a list that reflects hundreds and hundreds of hours of volunteer dedication to bringing outstanding music to our county. It's another reason that Haliburton is an incredible place to live and learn. Thom told me he was volunteering at the door of a Juno banquet, handing out programs, when James Hill (was here for Razzmataz in January, and led a ukulele workshop for the Folk Society) saw Thom and came up to him and said "it's so nice to see a familiar face" and they then proceeded to chat and James talked about how he enjoyed his time in Haliburton.

All the performers who come to our county (whether they are nominated for a Juno or not) leave with their own stories of their experience here. And they tell their friends. That kind of marketing is priceless!

We all need to make the effort to take advantage of, and support these kind

of musical events if we want them to continue. You can check out www.haliburtonfolk.com to see what other great music events are coming our way such as the Slocan Ramblers on May 8 at the Minden United Church. On April 24, Baked and Battered is bringing Morgan Davis (won a Juno for blues artist) to perform in their boathouse. Thank you to everyone who volunteers to make music happen up here. We are richer because of it. The following is a list of musicians who have won or been nominated for the Junos, and have performed in Haliburton County.

2015 Juno winners

Catherine MacLellan (2015) Roots Album of the year – Solo; Jane Bunnett (2015) Jazz Album of the Year – Group

Other Juno winners from previous years

Jim Cuddy / Greg Keelor / Blue Rodeo; Bruce Cockburn; Steve Mariner (Monkey Junk) Jack de Keyzer; The Good Lovelies; Light-house

2015 Juno nominees who've performed in Haliburton

24th St Wailers; James Hill; Jeremy Fisher;

Canadian Brass; Sultans of String; The Once

Other nominees from previous years

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points of view

Where's the beef?

IF I WERE A VEGAN fugitive from the law, I'm pretty sure I would have spent Saturday night holed up at the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association wild game dinner. It would have been the last place anyone would look. I can just imagine the scenario now.

"We've cordoned off the entire village, chief," says the detective.

"There's no way he can leave town then?" the chief replies.

"No sir, we've got checkpoints on every road, several helicopters in the air, boats on Head Lake, police dogs roaming the streets and a uniformed officer on every street corner. If our tip is right and the Celery Stalker is here, we'll find him," says the detective.

"What about all the local salad bars and produce sections?" says the chief.

"We've assigned a tactical unit to protect each one, sir. He won't get fresh with us again, sir."

"Very good," says the chief. "Now have the men search every building."

"Every building sir?"

"Oh, except the Legion. They're having the wild game dinner there."

"Right sir. No vegan in his right mind would ever set foot in that place...."

It was that sort of meal. The dinner, as always, was fantastic – but best described as a carnivore special. The place was also filled with fishing and hunting stories and you had a chance to say hi to people you only see on occasion while enjoying wonderfully cooked wild game – call it a meat and greet, if you like.

It was a great event on a number of levels actually. There were generous donations from the community for live and silent auction; there were draws; there was good conversation.

And, if you paid attention, you found out what the local turkeys were doing, how deer fared through winter and how the ice fishing was on such and such a lake. And then, remembering that the place was filled with us outdoorsy types, you took it all with a grain of salt.

The dinner was well organized thanks to Dan Johnson, Laurie Curry and a great team of volunteers. These people deserve a whole lot of credit.

The meal itself was buffet style, which is normally not something I'm fond of – but only because my table is typically called last. This time, however, we were up front almost immediately so it was great.

Once at the buffet you got to fill your plate with buffalo, smoked boar, venison, moose, bear, trout and other delights. The portions were just right too.

I'm not going to nitpick here, but I will offer a suggestion. Next year, provide nametags that say, "No meat refused" because, frankly, they wasted valuable time asking me if I wanted whatever dish they were serving. The answer was always yes. Twice actually.

If you have never attended a wild game dinner before, place this one on your calendar for next year. But before you attend you should be aware that you just don't walk in the door and participate. There is a certain amount of preparation involved to get the most out of the experience. For instance, forget your belt at home and wear suspenders, but only if they are industrial grade. Oh, and don't eat for two days prior.

Right about now, there are some readers who probably think this is unfair to the wild animals we're consuming.

Well, I'd advise those people to go visit any barn in the area on a wild game night.

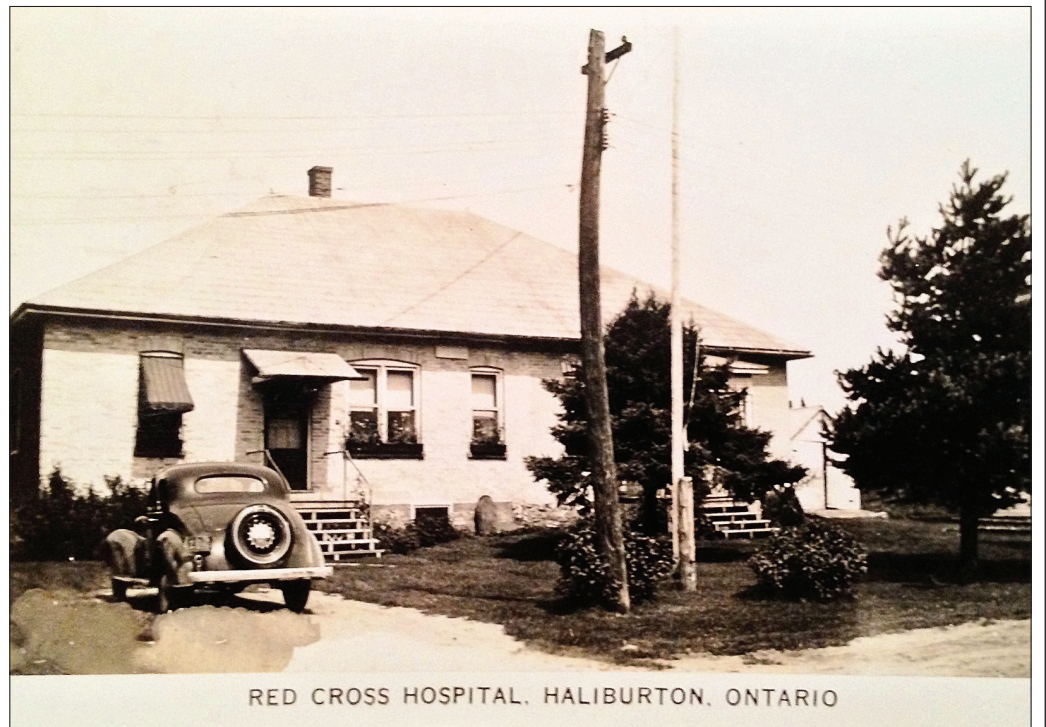
I'm pretty sure you'd find cattle, chickens, domestic turkeys, pigs and goats in full celebratory mode. I figure while we were feasting on their wild cousins, they're probably all in the barn singing carols and high fiving each other.

The best part of one of these dinners to me is the sheer variety. There is so much that they provide you with little toothpick poles and flags that identify the meat. These are particularly helpful although I'm still trying to remember if I stuck one in the wild boar slab on my plate – because it sure wasn't there when I was done.



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Loon Tales



RED CROSS HOSPITAL, HALIBURTON, ONTARIO

pic of the past

What is now Canoe FM, the Volunteer Dental Outreach and Haliburton Highlands Land Trust was once the Red Cross Hospital in Haliburton. This photo is dated 1952. Courtesy of Carol Moffatt and Tony Aymong.

letters to the editor

Reliable Internet a priority

To the Editor,

Thank you for the article last week about the significant gaps in the Internet broadband service. Your story was from north of the village of Haliburton. South, on the Old Donald Road, we are struggling with the same issues of cost and reliability. These basic problems compound when attempting to volunteer as well as create educational issues for our youth.

Many politicians have been on the public record about maintaining our young people in the rural community. The Internet is a new tool, so we are told that makes this possible. The primary tool for communication to volunteer with organizations or with government now is the Internet.

Our school age young people live on the school bus routes. Last fall our school representatives were asked about the coverage of the DSL service matching the school bus routes. This would be a strong indication of where permanent residents live. Why is that map not available and used as a guide for investment in our future of where communication technology is needed? Affordable Internet is out of reach for community pockets rated at the bottom of the economic scale. Where and what is the real priority to invest in our future?

Godfrey Tyler
Haliburton

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The start of something special

Garden



Belinda
Gallagher

Musings

It has been a few weeks since I ordered seed from those delicious catalogues and each day brings eager anticipation of the filled orders.

Now I know there are those of you out there with no interest in growing plants from seed and that is just fine. But if you are like me, eternally fascinated by specks of dust turning into poppies or peppers, the arrival of seed packets is a sure sign of spring.

I have to confess, I started sowing seed of perennial flowers, trees and shrubs in January and February. These plants, unlike annual flowers and vegetables take an awfully long time to germinate and in some cases need periods of cold and warm to get going. For example, lupin seed won't get going unless it goes through a period of freezing. Our winter does the job in the wild but you can trick a lupin seed by putting it in the freezer for just 48 hours, followed by 48 hours soaking in water. Pot them up and a few will

germinate in a week. The others will follow over the next month or so.

The lupin seeds are collected from my garden in the summer after they ripen and before the pods open and send the seed hither and yon. Collecting seed from the easy to grow perennials and annuals is a sure way to increase plantings at a very reasonable cost. Rudbeckia (black-eyed Susan), purple coneflower and pinks are some easy to grow perennials – marigolds, cosmos and zinnias are easy annuals.

Let's go back to the seed packets. While I always collect some of my own seed, I order vegetable seed from the pros since many of the veggies I like are hybrids and the seed comes from special genetic crosses. I order some annual seed to try new colours and new types of flowers. These "production" seeds have very good germination rates and that is important for beginner and experienced gardeners alike. After all, it does take time and effort to raise plants from seed so you want GOOD seed.

You also want a good sterilized soil mix if you are starting plants early indoors. Don't use garden soil, even if you can find some that isn't frozen. Garden soil contains too many weed seeds and often soil fungus or mould. It also will become compacted when you water robbing the seedlings of much needed oxygen.

Many different types of containers can be used, but I prefer small plastic pots that I fill with seed-starting mix. Seed is sprinkled sparingly over the surface, spritzed in with some water and the pots go under a plastic dome or in a plastic bag until I see signs of green. I should note here that 95 per cent of seed could be surface sown. Only a handful of plants need dark for germination, pansies being a notable example. The important thing is the humidity until the seed germinates then it needs open air and light.

I will tackle the subject

of dividing and growing on the little seedlings in my next musing. Until then, here are my tips:

TIP ONE: Sow the seed. I guarantee it

won't grow if left in the package.

TIP TWO: Don't start things too early. You end up with leggy, weak plants.

Awakening

Sky blank as milk spilling onto snow, the pebble of sun cowering behind boulders of clouds.

Winter reaping its last breaths, refusing to relinquish its reign.

Spring squirming in the darkness beneath the snow, tendrils of its Breath seeping into the Air, cloaking the hills with whispers of its coming.

I stand on the park path and listen to winter wheeze. Nobody here this morning, only the trees and me. And somewhere beyond where my eyes can see, the flutter of distant chirping.

I wander over towards my favourite willow, graze its drooping tresses Hello, inhale the wetness of bark, slip my mitts off my hands, encased in wool all winter long, how strange it feels for my fingers to touch once again.

The burls bulging from the trunk of the tree, the stump where a limb used to grown, before it was felled by a storm years ago.

I walk over to the water's edge and scoop up a few pebbles from the shore, press them into my palm.

The roughness of bark, the smoothness of stone, the slipperiness of this season of In-Between.

A part of me still craving the hibernation of Home, warmth and stillness and sleep.

The other part of me restless and impatient, my limbs longing to stride throughout the world again, the briskness of wind propelling me forward, sunlight awakening my desire for adventure again.

I bend down and lay the pebbles back where they belong, warmed in the nest of my palm by my Breath, this is how I yearn to be cradled by Spring.

The sting of wind as it skims my cheeks, the balm of sun as it drips through the clouds, drenching the willow's tresses and the hillock of snow where a tiny black bird perches, before it flutters beyond where my eyes can see, my ears still hearing its song that cloaks the hills, slinks through branches of trees, seeps into the earth throbbing beneath the snow, murmuring into the ears of seeds, It's coming.

Sylvie Kalenda



This Week In...

Stories from our archives

1995 (Tuesday, April 4)

MNR bans brush burning

The recent dry spell and gusting winds have turned area fields and forests into tinderboxes, say MNR fire officials who are urging people to put off their spring burnings.

The Ministry of Natural Resources has cancelled all fire permits after more than 63 wildfires during the last two weeks.

Last weekend alone, there were 27 forest, grass and brush fires in the county and by Wednesday, the number grew to more than 40 in the Haliburton, Pembroke and Bancroft areas.

In comparison, there was just one fire last March.

The less-than-usual amount of snow combined with the high winds has dried out grasses, leaves and twigs, which will ignite and spread rapidly. "People are unable to control the fires because they are spreading so fast with the wind. We need some rain and green-up before we start burning," said MNR fire technician Ron MacKenzie.

MacKenzie says the rash of wildfires this early in the year is unusual, but so are the dry, spring conditions. "We've had bad seasons before, but not this soon."

Spring burnings normally are permitted as of April 1 with a permit granted, but until the wetter weather arrives, permits have been extinguished by the

ministry.

2005 (Tuesday, March 29)

Haliburton Alzheimer office closed for short-term

Families who are already coping with the stress of caring for a loved one who has Alzheimer's now have another worry: the Haliburton office of the Alzheimer Society has been temporarily closed because of financial difficulties.

"We're facing a bit of a financial challenge," says Joyce Purdon, volunteer chairperson of the board of directors for the Alzheimer Society of Peterborough and Area. "We're analyzing our situation and trying to figure out what to do."

Purdon says everyone with the organization is very distressed over the decision to temporarily close the Haliburton and Cobourg office.

She says the board is not yet sure what's at the root of the financial difficulties. It's not that the government has discontinued its funding; rather, the society just has to access those funds.

Statistics show that the need for the society's services will only continue to grow. Haliburton County already has 3,500 residents older than 65. Statistics suggest that 295 people could be society clients. As Haliburton continues to attract retirees, that number will increase.



LOGO COMPETITION

Call for Submissions

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County sole-sources engineering work

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County will single-source a quarter of million dollars worth of engineering work on the Head Lake bridge to firm Greer Galloway Group Inc.

County councillors made that decision at a March 25 meeting.

"This is an unusual request," roads director Doug Ray told councillors. "We don't ask for it very often."

The county's purchasing policy dictates that purchases of more than \$25,000 must be put out to tender. However, it has a few exceptions, one of which is compatibility with an existing service and another that is existing knowledge of the nature of the service.

"The Greer Galloway Group Inc. has been the engineer who has provided the county with structural needs updates since 2010 when they were successful through a competitive bidding process," county engineer Roy Haig wrote in a report to council. "They have also done the report on the Head Lake bridge

related to its structural adequacy. Further, they have been an integral part of the preparation of the expression of interest and the funding application for the Head Lake bridge."

The county learned earlier this year it was successful in obtaining a grant that will cover \$780,000 of the approximately \$1.3 million project. The bridge, near Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, has been on the county's infrastructure priority list for number of years and has, among other ailments, a cracked pier cap and eroding piles. The rehabilitation project will fix these problems and outfit the

bridge with a new deck.

"Their design of the rehabilitation work and continued progression of the preliminary work is preferred," Haig wrote. "The familiarity of the firm with the project will expedite the planning and design process to ensure the project is complete on time and to meet the funding application requirements."

The engineering and project management costs for the project just less than \$250,000.

The Head Lake bridge project is scheduled to be completed by the end of 2016.

Junior achievers next wave of business leaders

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

There's a new business coming to the Haliburton Highlands however you won't find it in a storefront or office on the main street.

At least not yet.

The business has been quietly in the works for the past few weeks, with local high school students meeting on a regular basis to develop and launch their initiative.

Since February, six students have been participating in Junior Achievement, a youth business education organization, which has been brought to the Haliburton Highlands in partnership with the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

The program was appealing to the

Grade 12 students because of the valuable hands-on experience they would gain.

"I'm planning on going into business so I thought this would be a really good opportunity to explore it further," said Krista Duncan. "I think it will be helpful too in university, to have this experience."

One of the first things the students had to accomplish was to divide up roles and responsibilities.

Participants then began brainstorming a business idea that they can develop, market and then sell. However before launching it they had to sell \$10 shares for their business, to secure the necessary start-up funds to make the product.

The business they developed is called Wink - a Junior Achievement company.

"We chose the name Wink because it's wood and ink, which kind of explains what our product itself is," said Jessica Karaguesian, student president of the program.

The group's mission statement is "Wink: a Junior Achievement company that brings the Highlands into the home with high-quality wood products which are locally designed and handcrafted by dedicated, young entrepreneurs."

The product involves transferring graphics, such as photographs, onto wood items.

"We thought that would make a neat, customizable product," said Curran Chambers. "We could make a coaster or a block that could sit on your desk."

The group has plans to expand the offerings, to perhaps include hanging pictures and signs.

Still in the production stage, the students have already set-up social media accounts for their business and hope to get their product into local stores.

The students credit the program for giving them experience working as a group, running meetings properly and decision-making skills.

"This has definitely helped give me experience," said Lucas Esson.

The program also relies on mentorship provided by members of the community, who bring their expertise to the students.

Bank of Montreal branch manager Richard Wannan is one of the mentors, who has years of experience delivering entrepreneurial programs in the province.

Students involved in Junior Achievement brainstorm ideas for their new business, Wink, which combines wood products with graphics. Six local high school students have been meeting weekly as part of the program, which is being offered in partnership with the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. Through mentorship from members of the business community, the students work together to launch and develop a business. From left, BMO branch manager and mentor Richard Wannan, Curran Chambers, Krista Duncan, Jessica Karaguesian, Cierra Hurely and Lucas Esson. Missing from the group is Trey Kyle.

Watching the students in Junior Achievement grow and develop a business idea has been both fulfilling and exciting for Wannan.

"They are so incredibly smart," he said.

Wannan says the keenness shared amongst the students is inspiring, especially considering their age.

"I've never been involved with high school students and it's exciting because ... their enthusiasm keeps me in this program," he said.



Student president of Junior Achievement Jessica Karaguesian takes in a prototype for their new business, Wink, which combines wood products with graphic images. The high school student is one of six to participate in a weekly program aimed to teach teenagers entrepreneurial skills.

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Accountant opens shop in time for taxes

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

Jennifer Kidd loves feeling like she's making a difference in people's lives.

A resident of the Haliburton Highlands for the past 12 years, Kidd moved up to the area from Uxbridge for the benefits smaller communities bring.

"I grew up cottaging up here and fell in love with Haliburton as a small child," she said. "I wanted my children to grow up in an area that was small."

A chartered accountant, Kidd began her career in Haliburton at Dawson Gray Chartered Accountants before bringing her expertise to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

While the positions were varied, they gave Kidd experience in the financial sector and customer service skills.

"I really enjoyed working at Dawson Gray, I felt like I made a difference," she said. "I was able to get people money back ... I used to get hugs all the time."

Kidd is hoping to return to that line of work, opening up her own business specializing in small business accounting and personal income tax.

Located at 50 York St. Unit 2, the business offers a variety of services including payroll, bookkeeping, personal tax planning and more.

"I want to focus on small business and helping them understand their financials so that they're not surprised at the end of the year," said Kidd.

Numbers can be a daunting thing for many individuals and entrepreneurs,

which is why trusting a professional can not only help reduce stress but grow a business.

"People start up their own business being passionate about something and they're really good at whatever it is that they're in business for and that's their strength, and their strength is not accounting," she said. "That is what I am good at and what I went to school for ... you need to focus your time and energy at what you're good at."

Kidd says hiring a professional doesn't have to be a costly endeavour and most often will save you or your business money in the long run.

For example, one of the services she offers is to do payroll for small companies (one to two employees) at a rate of only \$25 per pay.

The accountant says her business stands out amongst the tax field as one that provides personal, one-on-one time and attention.

"I do sit down and I talk to people and I help them," she said. "I want to make sure that when people leave here that they feel comfortable about what it is that I've said and that it makes sense to them."

To contact Kidd, call 705-935-0466 or email jennifer.kidd@sympatico.ca.

Her business hours for April have been extended and are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday.



Jennifer Kidd is crunching numbers as she gets ready for tax season, a busy time of year for the local accountant. Kidd recently started her own accounting business, with an office located on York Street in Haliburton.

Public institutions release Sunshine List

JENN WATT

Editor

Local public institutions released the salaries of employees making more than \$100,000 last week in compliance with provincial legislation.

At Fleming College's Haliburton School of the Arts, four staff members (the principal and three professors) made the so-called Sunshine List with salaries ranging from \$124,000 to closer to the \$100K mark.

Haliburton Highlands Health Services had 10 staff members on the list with salaries ranging from \$180,000 for the CEO to about \$100,000 for several registered

nurses. The chief financial officer and a registered technologist also made the list.

All of the area's school principals make about \$116,000, with the high school principal making \$125,000. The board's director of education makes \$225,000. A couple of vice-principals were also on the list.

At the county's various municipal governments, many senior staff were on the list. At the county, the chief administrative officer, the treasurer, the head paramedic and head of public works were all listed. In Dysart et al, the CAO is on the list. In Algonquin Highlands the CAO and the treasurer are both on the list. And in Minden Hills the CAO/treasurer is also on the list.



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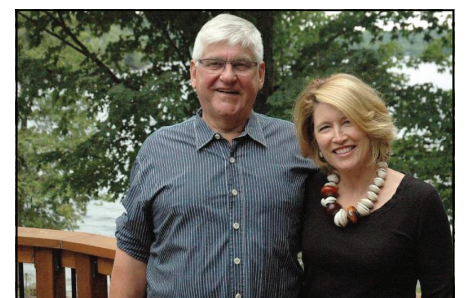
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Harmonie McAlpine, left, and Dana Black work at creating a landscape painting after being taught by local artist Jennifer Posti on March 27 at JD Hodgson Elementary School as part of the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council Artists in the Schools program. The initiative invites local artists to share their expertise and craft with students at area schools.



Artist Saskia Tentrees, left, helps Holden Dupret-Smith, centre, and Xavier Dulong paint on canvas at JD Hodgson Elementary School as part of the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council Artists in the Schools program. The initiative invites local artists to share their expertise with students at area schools.

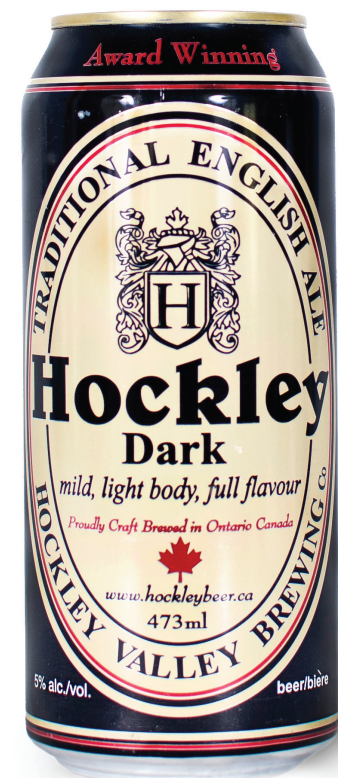
Myra Barry, left, gets some artistic advice for a landscape painting she creates on canvas from local artist Jennifer Posti.

Artists in the Schools

Owen Wootton, left, and Ethan Coles paint acrylic on canvas on March 27 at JD Hodgson Elementary School as part of the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council Artists in the Schools program. The initiative invites local artists to share their expertise with students at area schools. Jennifer Posti taught students about renowned painter Claude Monet and the impressionism style over a two-day period. The Grade 6/7 students learned about blending colours and different techniques.

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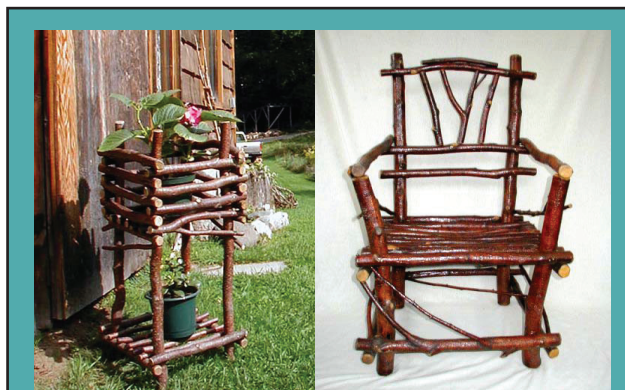
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The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, in partnership with the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, will be hosting a community forum on Earth Day. The forum aims to bring together like-minded people with an interest in the environment and economic development. Together, participants will take a local inventory of environmental products, services and programs, while identifying gaps and new business or program opportunities for the future.

"There are many groups in the Haliburton Highlands working hard to protect what is perhaps our most important asset - our natural environment," said Simon Payn, chairman of the communications and membership committee of the Land Trust. "So it makes sense for us to discuss how we can collaborate to better achieve our shared objectives."

Any business, organization or community group that has an interest in the local environment and economy is welcome to attend.

"The Chamber of Commerce is focused on improving

our local economy, in collaboration with organizations like the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust and our local business community," said Rosemarie Jung, manager of the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce. "Forums like this, that bring organizations and business together, have the potential to create exciting new partnerships that will benefit our local environment and the economy."

The forum will be facilitated by Jeff Kohl, a consultant with the Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition, and will take place on Wednesday, April 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Bonnie View Inn, 2713 Kashagawigamog Lake Rd. The event is free, and refreshments and lunch will be provided.

The event is made possible in part through funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation, which is an agency of the Government of Ontario.

Submitted



Jeff Schultz sets off on his Outlaw 600, a racing machine he made himself. Constructed out of aluminum, the "extremely loud" machine was built in Irondale. Schultz races it all over North America.
/ANGELICA BLENICH Staff

Racing sled built in Irondale

ANGELICA BLENICH

Staff Reporter

Painted fire engine red with an aluminum body and steel tube chassis, Jeff Scholtz's Outlaw 600 definitely catches the eye.

The racing machine constructed in 2011 was built in Irondale, said Schultz, a paramedic who lives in Gooderham.

Schultz races the machine all over North America, something he has been doing since 1996. He describes it

as "extremely loud."

This is the first sled he has built himself, with the help of Triple T Transmissions in Irondale.

The racing machine includes a gas and brake, just like a car, an onboard fire extinguisher, a safety drive and race car technology, according to Schultz.

"It's an expensive hobby," he joked.

Schultz credits his sponsors for their help in creating the machine, including Triple T Transmissions, Haliburton CRS, Amsoil, Peterborough Cycle Salvage, County Signs, Hooper Race Engines, Tim Hibbard Transmission, Millenium Technologies and Haliburton County Paramedics.

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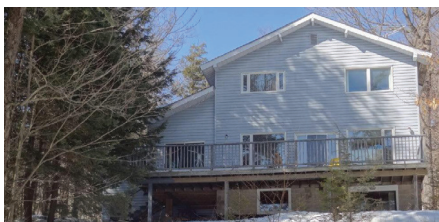
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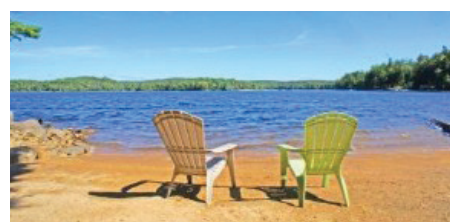


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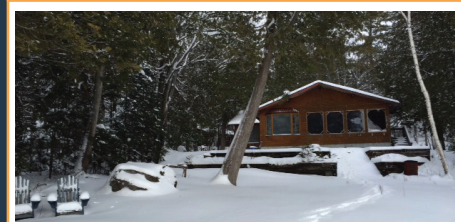


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Avoid wildlife collisions

From March 1 to March 25, members from the Haliburton Highlands detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police investigated 14 motor vehicle collisions involving deer. None of the occupants of the vehicles was injured, however, the vehicles sustained extensive damage.

Drivers are being asked to be vigilant and to watch for large wild animals crossing roadways throughout the area this spring as wildlife becomes more active.

As drivers, many of us are aware that any contact between a motor vehicle and an animal can result in significant damage and in some cases even death.

Wild animals are unpredictable at all times.

- On average, there is a motor vehicle/wild animal collision every 38 minutes in Ontario.
- One out of every 17 motor vehicle collisions involves a wild animal
- 89% occur on two-lane roads outside of urban areas
- 86% occur in good weather

Reduce Your Collision Risk

Watch

Scan the road ahead from shoulder to shoulder. When you see wildlife beside the road, slow down and pass carefully as they may suddenly bolt onto the road.

Watch for the yellow wildlife warning signs that indicate an area of increased risk. Slow down when travelling through these areas.

Use high beams at night where possible and watch for glowing eyes of animals.

Steer

Stay in control. Watch your speed and take extra precautions when driving at night as visibility is greatly reduced. Slowing down will give you that extra second to respond.

Never swerve suddenly. This could cause your vehicle to go out of control or head into oncoming traffic.

Brake

Brake firmly if an animal is standing on, or crossing, the road. Never assume the animal will move out of your way.

Stop

Stop as safely as possible if a wild animal is crossing the road. Remember, deer often move in groups. If you see one, know there are likely more in the vicinity.

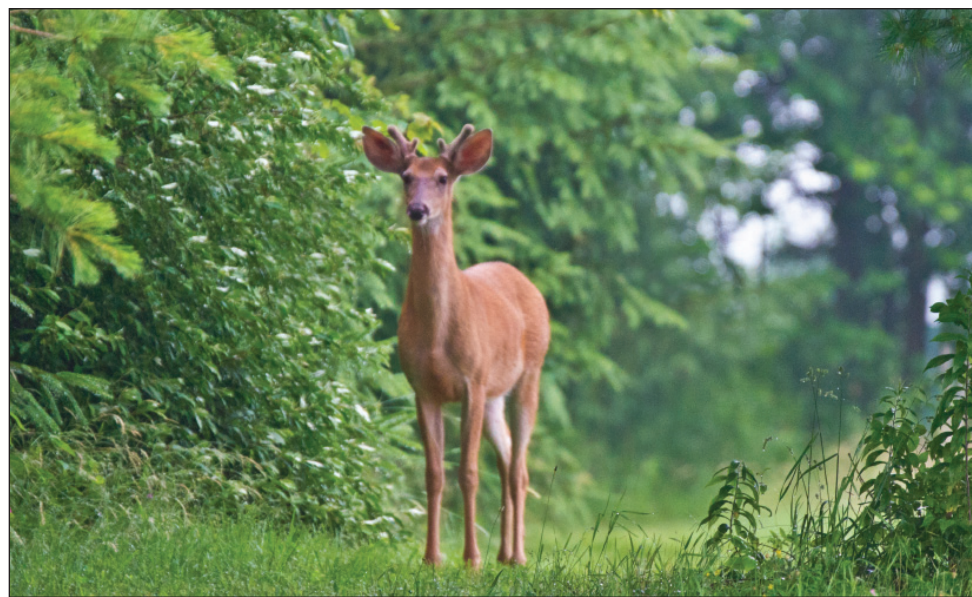
If possible, avoid driving during dusk or dawn when most wildlife collisions occur. Swerving to avoid hitting a wild animal may result in a more serious collision. If hitting a wild animal is unavoidable, remember to stay in control.

People who live adjacent to highways are encouraged not to feed deer as this increases the probability of motor vehicle collisions, resulting in more personal injuries and increased deer mortality.

Motorists should watch for these potential problem areas and drive carefully when passing through them.

For more information, please refer to the Ministry of Transportation website at www.mto.gov.on.ca

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Health services expecting surplus

JENN WATT

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the March 26 meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services board.

More than \$1.7 million was received by HHHS in one-time funding, which is 7.5 per cent of the corporation's \$22.6 million budget. HHHS CEO Varouj Eskedjian said thanks was due to the Central East LHIN, which released the funds for several different initiatives.

"We wouldn't be able to do some of the things we're doing now [without the funds]," board member Dale Robinson said.

"We've got new graduate nursing program funding, Ebola funding, non-urgent patient transportation funds, LHIN reallocation funds," he said.

Additionally, a location has been renovated and equipment purchased for the new staff coming to HHHS for the Geriatric Assessment and Intervention Network.

While all of the numbers are not yet in, it appears that HHHS will have a surplus this year, Robinson said.

Staff sick time is down 33 per cent over last year and overtime cost is down seven per cent.

\$1 million raised in a year

HHHS Foundation executive director Dale Walker told the board that more than \$1 million was brought in during the fiscal year ending March 31.

To date, \$700,000 has been raised toward the Palliative Centre campaign, Making Moments Matter – a special groundbreaking ceremony for the build is expected in early summer.

Additionally, over the years the Foundation has funded more than \$585,000 in priority items including patient lifts, kitchen equipment, electric bath lifts, acute care beds and more. The largest of the priority equipment purchases being the ultrasound machine at nearly \$252,000.

Walker said the Foundation has committed to upgrading the PACS system for \$200,000, priority equipment at \$300,000 and Community Support Services at \$100,000.

Upcoming dates for the Foundation include: April 30 – third early bird draw for Cash for Care; May 20 – info evening on planning financial gifts and reducing taxes; July 23 Golf Classic fundraiser at Pinestone.

Fearrey honoured for longtime service

HHHS director of facilities and projects Peter Fearrey was honoured by his employer at a special ceremony in March for his 40 years of service.

Forty-four staff members reaching milestones in their careers were acknowledged at the service awards at the Minden facility.

Eskedjian said that HHHS was "truly grateful" for the service Fearrey and all of the staff had given to the corporation over the years.

Reporting system to improve efficiency

By this summer, a program called Hospital Report Manager will be up and running, allowing records from the hospital to flow to the Family Health Team. Discharge and diagnostic reports will automatically be accessible from the doctors' office after being filed at the hospital.

Eskedjian explained that the current system is considerably slower, as it takes time for files to be transcribed, faxed and scanned.

Minden ER to serve Pan Am Games

The Minden hospital site is prepared to handle any medical situations arising from the kayaking event during this July's Pan Am Games.

One physician has been dedicated to the games, Eskedjian told the board, and the hospital is preparing to take any patients from the international event.

Following a question from board member Charles Simon, the CEO said there was no monetary reward for helping out.

Simon said during the G8 in Huntsville HHHS had received some money for being on standby in case of

emergency.

Better communication

HHHS is hoping to improve communication with the public by enacting a new plan. One of the five goals of the recently approved strategic plan, the board members said they hoped to see more engagement with the community about services and planning.

Eskedjian said he intends to bring back a report on how communications are going twice a year examining goals and outcomes.

Community committee reports

David Coulson of the new Community Advisory Committee told the board the group had been busy getting up to speed on the county's health-care services.

While the committee hasn't been operational for long, Coulson said they have already identified one major challenge: people don't always know who to call to access services.

Discussion on publishing a blue book that lists programs available was tossed around, he said.

Eskedjian said HHHS is also working on getting one central phone number people can call to find out what services are available.

Digital documentation system to go live

The corporation's two long-term care homes now have digital systems in place for personal support workers to document what interventions have been done with residents.

Called Point of Care, the system is accessed through screens outside residents' rooms and PSWs are expected to input information about what care they have given right after visiting the resident.

Part of the success of Point of Care is about how immediate the documentation is, Eskedjian said.

Documentation is key to getting funding, he explained.

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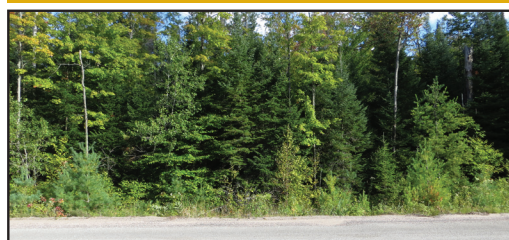
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EMS base nearly complete

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The following are brief reports of items discussed during a March 25 meeting of Haliburton County council.

Haliburton County's new EMS base is nearly complete. EMS director and paramedic chief Craig Jones told councillors the project along Highway 35 in Minden is on schedule and that it's estimated the department will be able to move into the base as soon as March 31.

Jones said the building had received final inspection and the department was just awaiting telephone lines to be installed.

Landscaping and the installation of an air-conditioning unit are expected to be completed in late spring and an official opening ceremony will be held in May.

MTO grant application successful

The rural transportation options committee of the Haliburton County Community Cooperative was successful in obtaining pilot funding from the Ministry of Transportation for the establishment of a ride-sharing network in the county. The grant is for more than \$77,000 and will be met with more than \$30,000 from

other funding sources. As per application requirements, Haliburton County is acting as banker and custodian of the provincial funds.

New deputy-clerk appointed

Councillors appointed Michele Moore as the new deputy-clerk of Haliburton County. Moore has been with the municipality since 2011 and replaces Angela Balle, who recently retired from the position. The county clerk is also its chief administrative officer, Jim Wilson, who is scheduled to retire this spring.

Rail trail signage

Roads director Doug Ray asked councillors to think about whether they'd like to create rules for signage along the Haliburton County Rail Trail.

"We don't really have a policy on the trail with respect to signs," said Ray, indicating some signs were popping up along the corridor.

"I would be supportive of a policy that allows appropriate signage," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin, adding this could include signage for accommodations or food.

"We don't really need a sign for an upholstery company on the trail," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey.

Proposed Planning Act changes worry councillors

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County councillors are concerned about changes the provincial government is in the process of making to the Planning Act.

Bill 73 – the Smart Growth for Our Communities Act – had first reading in Queen's Park on March 5.

"The [act] is intended to give residents of Ontario a greater say and ability to par-

ticipate in how their communities grow," read a report from county planning director Charley White. "The amendment proposes changes to the provincial planning framework by amending both the Development Charges Act, 1997 and the Planning Act."

The changes are based on public consultations the government undertook between October of 2013 and January of 2014.

The proposed legislation would put a number of restrictions on the planning activities of municipalities.

Highlights included in White's report are that following the adoption of an official plan, no person or public body would be able to request an amendment for a two-year period; where there is simultaneous repealing and replacement of all a municipality's zoning bylaws, that no person or public body would be able to submit an application for amendment for two years; and that where a site-specific zoning bylaw has been approved, no person or public body may apply for a minor variance from the provisions of the bylaw for a two year period following the passage of the bylaw, unless a resolution permitting such an application has been passed.

"That's crazy," said Minden Hills Reeve Brent Devolin.

"That would just literally freeze us," said Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey. "I think we've got to get mobile here, because that's devastating."

"It has definitely perked some interest across the province," White said.

Devolin wondered when the bill was scheduled to go to second reading in the provincial legislature.

"Between first and second reading is when the heavy lifting usually takes place," he said.

White believed June.

"The Ontario's warden's caucus should be on this right now," said Fearrey, adding the restrictive proposed changes should also be brought to the attention of the chamber of commerce.

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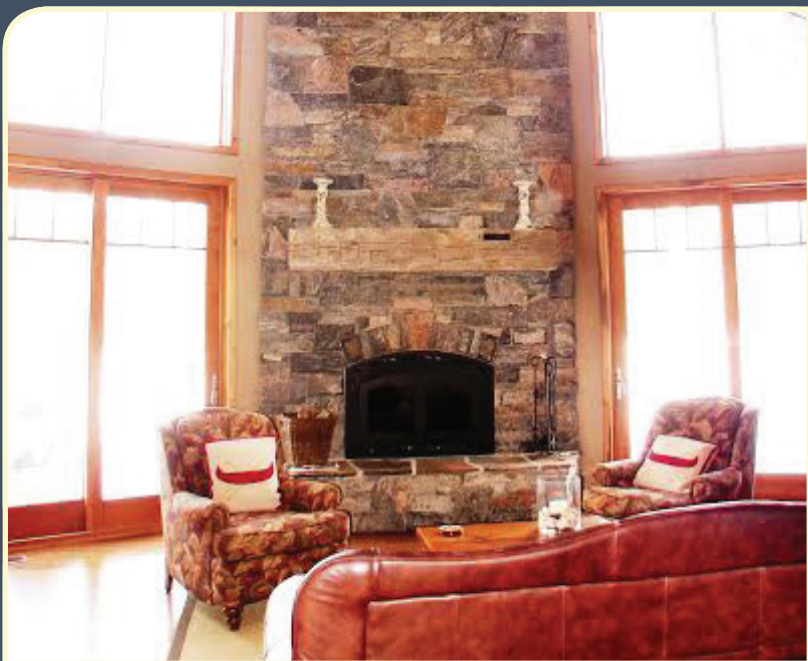
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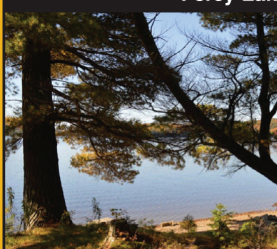


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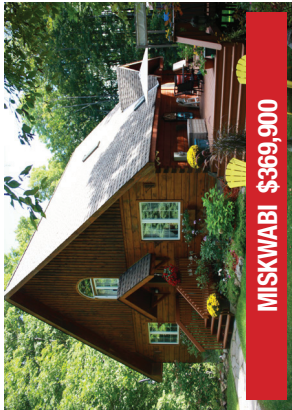


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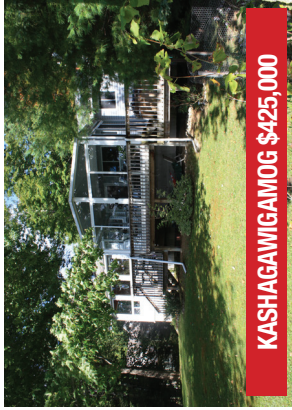


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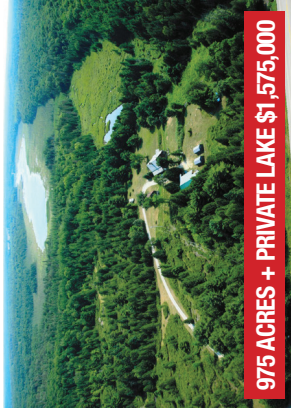
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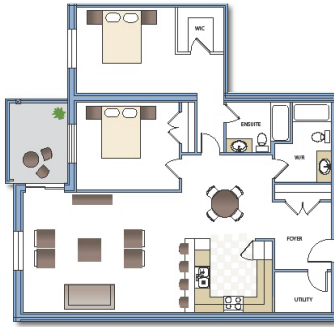
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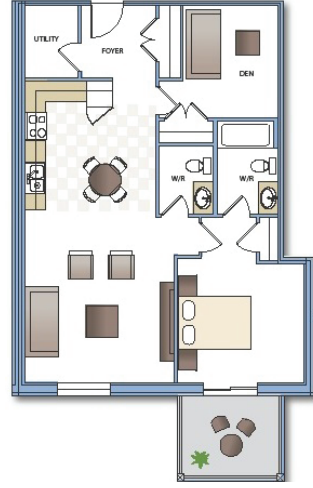
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Maybelle's



Fireside stories

Well, I surely missed you, don'tcha know. Why if ol' Maybelle didn't get right back on an airplane and fly away from Lake WhaddyathinkI mean back to Los Angeles just three weeks after being there. And, this time, I didn't go to sing in the sunshine and laugh every day. No, my heart took me there because I wanted to support and comfort my oldest friend, Penny Brumbruiser (who was born

in Lake WhaddyathinkI mean...remember, I told you about visiting her and her hubby Mel last Christmas in Beverly Hills?). Well, two weeks ago Mel slipped and fell on the marble floor in the master bathroom, hit his head, and that was it! He was gone.

Now Penny might as well have hit her head too, because the shock of suddenly losing Mel was more than she could bear. He was her best friend, her best playmate...why they'd laugh so much together you'd forget there was any such thing as trouble in the world. Just being with those two made ol' Maybelle smile so much inside, it sprang out my ears and spread across my face.

And now she was howling like a wounded animal, crying: no no no no nooooo!

So, why is ol' Maybelle telling you such sad news? Well, I wondered if I should. Or shouldn't? After all, I do like to stick to happier subjects. But then I

thought... it HAPPENED...it's what I experienced the last two weeks...and it's as much a part of life and living as everything else...and the more we talk about it ... look at it... share our feelings about it... the more it might help us to embrace and accept our humanness, our vulnerabilities and our strengths... and appreciate and reconfirm the preciousness of every given moment, don'tcha know.

I can tell you one thing. Ol' Maybelle sure gained a good six pounds while I was there. With all the cookies and cakes Penny's friends kept bringing to the house, ol' Maybelle's trim figure was doomed. Calories and tears just seemed to go together.

Why, even Penny's little dog, Taco Belle, put a belly on, finding sweet bits on the floor and filling her tummy like a balloon. Sure looked funny on her tiny Chihuahua body.

And oh how Penny's housekeeper's dogs, Bluto and Miss Good – a pug nosed bulldog and a red haired labra-doodle (Miss Good was the bulldog) – got into mischief. Somehow they grabbed hold of a dozen Chicago "famous" hot dogs and were found chomping on them in the utility room.

Made me think about Bogart, my bear, back home in Lake W and all of his adventures in the kitchen. Like the time he spilled a whole bag of red foiled covered Hershey's kisses on the floor and formed them into a great big heart for me on Valentine's Day. Yes, being around all of those poopers sure made me homesick for Bogart.

You know, Bogart has a genius IQ...knows all of George Carlin's stand-up comedy routines...and still has a crush on Lindsay Lohan. Well, two out of three ain't bad.

Well, the doorbell kept ringing and flowers kept

coming...the biggest and prettiest arrangements I had ever seen. And colours the likes of which seemed almost psychedelic after being in our long grey winter in Lake W. But no amount of flowers, hugs, warm-hearted stories about Mel and a house filled with loving friends could lighten Penny's broken heart.

Goodness knows, many of us have been either touched by the loss of a loved one, with or without the chance of saying goodbye...or we know others who have. And, oh the heartbreak of it and how we think our hearts will never mend...not a stitch.

And then, somehow after time...by some miracle we're able to think about that person without choking up...remember a conversation, maybe something funny that happened ... and just smile.

A good 250 friends, family, colleagues and patients came to pay their respects to Mel. So many, they spilled out of the chapel, don'tcha know. Oh, there were lots of familiar faces. Folks I had seen on television and in the movies. It was Los Angeles, after all... and Mel was a cosmetic surgeon.

I returned to Lake WhaddyathinkI mean heavy-hearted and pooped...and very happy to see my good friends Vilma, Twindle, Beanpole, Sybil and Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom. And, of course, Bogart.

It wasn't an easy time, but it was an important time. And it gave ol' Maybelle some food for thought: Life can change on a dime, so boy oh boy is it ever important to make each moment as sweet as possible and ... to give the love you have.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's novel, Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon, is available at amazon.com.



Musical afternoon in Wilberforce

An audience of adults and Wilberforce Elementary School students (Grade 4 to 8) are entertained by the performance of the Highlands Concert Band on Friday afternoon, March 27 at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce.



Above, An audience of adults and Wilberforce Elementary School students applaud the performance of the Highlands Concert Band on Friday afternoon, March 27 at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre in Wilberforce. This was a free concert that featured show tunes and scores from movies such as *Star Trek* and *Raiders of the Lost Ark*. Sixty-five students and close to 20 adults attended the concert, which was an idea of concert band member Mark Bramham. Conductor Glen Carter said the band intends to return to perform again during the Christmas season.

Left, Highlands Concert Band member Barb Allman plays the French horn.

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Highlands Concert Band conductor Glen Carter gives direction to the band.

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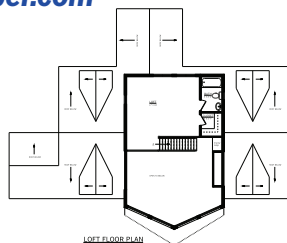
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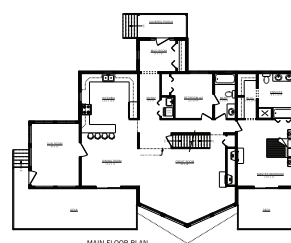


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This Changes Everything by Naomi Klein

Forget everything you think you know about global warming. The really inconvenient truth is that it's not about carbon — it's about capitalism. The convenient truth is that we can seize this existential crisis to transform our failed system and build something radically better. In her most provocative book yet, Naomi Klein, author of the global bestsellers *The Shock Doctrine* and *No Logo*, tackles the most profound threat humanity has ever faced: the war our economic model is waging against life on earth. Klein exposes the myths that are clouding the climate

debate. We have been told the market will save us, when in fact the addiction to profit and growth is digging us in deeper every day. We have been told it's

impossible to get off fossil fuels when in fact we know exactly how to do it — it just requires breaking every rule in the "free-market" playbook: reining in corporate power, rebuilding local economies and reclaiming our democracies. We have also been told that humanity is too greedy and selfish to rise to this challenge. In fact, all around the world, the fight back is already succeeding in ways both surprising and inspiring. Climate change, Klein argues, is a civilizational wake-up call, a powerful message delivered in the language of fires, floods, storms and droughts. Confronting it is no longer about changing the light bulbs. It's about changing the world — before the world changes so drastically that no one is safe. Either we leap — or we sink.

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Holy Thursday

(Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper)
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Good Friday
(Universal day of fasting and abstinence)
Celebration of the Lord's Passion
April 3 ~ Haliburton and Bancroft ~ 3:00pm

Holy Saturday

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Clockwise, from left, the home crowd support was evident, as the Minden Pharmasave Highland Storm Peewee Boys team celebrate after scoring against the Ingersoll Express for the OMHA Peewee B championship on Saturday, March 28 at the S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden. The Storm overcame a 2-0 deficit at the start of the third to win 4-2 and take the series (3-2) and win the provincial championship.

Highland Storm Peewee Boys' captain Ryan Hall, centre, celebrates with teammates. Hall scored two goals.

The Highland Storm's Peewee goalie Ethan Glecoff slides across, taking away the low part of the net against Ingersoll Express forward Symon Hutcheson. /DARREN LUM Staff



Character and resiliency the hallmark of the Peewee Boys

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"We're [punching] above our weight class to be honest with you. We're playing B. There's never been a Highland Storm Peewee team to win an all-Ontario ever. This is historic," he said. "I think it sends a great message to other kids that are coming up – Atom, Novice – that they can do it too. They're here watching. It's going to ripple through. It's good for our executive. It's good for the parents, the kids. It's an incredible life experience."

He adds this championship run included life skills such as being able to handle the good and bad times.

"Life is full of ups and downs. A hockey season is just like that," he said, referring to the regular season and playoffs that amounts to more than 50 games played.

The team concept was not only what the coaching staff encouraged, but also was what each and every player exercised. Many players were playing out of position, being forced to get out of their comfort zone for the good of the team. Storm goalie Ethan Glecoff had never played in net before this season.

Morissette is most proud about how the team didn't quit in the game.

It's a great example of character, particularly in front of a home crowd.

With the playoff series knotted at 2-2, the Storm hosted the Express in hopes of ending the series.

The anxiety and the tension was high in the crowd at the Minden arena.

The Storm started slowly, surrendering a goal in the opening minute to go down 1-0 after the Express sustained pressure and puck cycle rewarded them with the

opening salvo.

Despite the deficit, the Storm faithful, who packed the arena, remained vocal and loud until the Express struck again to go up a pair 2-0 with 4:28 left in the second.

Morissette said his team came out flat to start the game, which carried until the third period.

"I think maybe nerves. Their team played excellent right off the hop. They have a lot of speed, a lot of skill," he said.

He said the coaching staff voiced their displeasure about the team's play during the intermission before the third.

"We just said to them, 'This might be the only opportunity you have to win something like this,'" he said.

Morissette told the team, "You can't be afraid to win. To become a winner you have to take some chances. You have to go, go, go. You can't sit back."

"We were sitting back for two periods and they weren't," he said.

The team responded with an important powerplay goal to start the third period.

Ryan Hall, Storm captain, scored on the five-on-four powerplay in the opening minutes of the third to bring the team within one 2-1 and the crowd back, who showered the team with thunderous applause.

A little more than a minute after the Storm scored their first, Tyson Clements scored an important equalizer, using his pace along the boards to evade his check and then cut in towards the goalie and beat the Ingersoll goalie top shelf.

The arena was shaking from the partisan crowd, cheering. Both goals seemed to fuel the home fans and the

team.

Although the Express pressed for a tying goal, the Storm remained resilient and drew an important penalty deep in the Ingersoll end.

With 2:01 left in the game, the Storm's Joe Boice drew a penalty for a two minute powerplay, which ended up proving invaluable. Boice scored the go-ahead on the powerplay, collecting a rebound and scoring with 1:19 left in regulation.

The Storm's captain Hall finished off the Express with an empty net goal to seal the win, leaving the capacity crowd in hysterics. Many of the family and fans stayed long after the players skated around with the Peewee B championship trophy.

Morissette characterized the team's turnaround as "Jekyll and Hyde" when compared to the first two thirds of the game.

The way things worked out didn't completely surprise the coach.

"One thing about these guys is they've learned how to battle back. They've learned how to win. We've been down in lots of games before in the playoffs and in regular season tournaments," he said.

The Storm scored all four goals in the third period.

"It shows you how well they've learned to work together and I guarantee you all four goals had assists to them. There's no lone wolf there," he said.

Storm notes: assists came from Aaron Bellefleur, Nigel Smith, Alex Little (2), Zach Morissette and Isaac Little.

Storm's Midget B Girls crowned LLFHL champions in Oshawa

The Minden Car Quest Auto Storm Midget B girls travelled to Oshawa on Friday to participate in the LLFHL (Lower Lakes Female Hockey League) Midget B League Championship. It was a representation of the top team from each of the four loops (Central, South Central, West and East) for the Midget B "Best of the Best" 39 team league playoff championship.

In a "March Madness" match-up, three of the four teams were the top finisher in each of their loops. Each team still had to qualify by winning three series to advance to the league championships - and in the end three of the first place loop qualifiers, along with a second place finisher, Caledon Coyotes (31 points), were able to do so. Mount Forest Rams (35 points), Highland Storm (39 points) and the top qualifier, Flamborough Falcons (40 points) made up the tournament representation.

The Highland Storm girls had one little wrinkle in their advancement to the league championship, as they had to play the highly talented, tenacious and aggressive Ice Kats from Peterborough in a "protest game." The extra game played at a neutral site with neutral referees was played at 10 a.m. prior to the championship tourney starting later that afternoon with the winner advancing. The Storm could clinch the series "again" with a win or a tie. After a scoreless first period, the Ice Kats gained momentum in the second period taking a 1-0 lead. Erin Little tied the game in the second with a beauty short-side whizzer beating the Peterborough tender high blocker. The Ice Kats battled back and took the lead again early in the third period at 2-1. The Storm continued to pressure the Ice Kats throughout the third period. After a time-out with 2:04 left in the game and pulling their goalie, Erin Little netted her second goal of the game to tie the game at 2-2 with just 44 seconds left in the contest finding the twine off a goal mouth scramble. Peterborough failed to score another goal and the Storm solidified to tie the game, and their entry "again" into the league championship by winning this emotionally charged, high-pressure, action-packed series tilt. Great game, girls! The Storm (18-1-3) girls continued their day in Oshawa, sending the Ice Kats home, as the eastern loop Midget B league champions. Their first game was against the western loop champs - Mount Forest Rams (16-3-3). The four team "best of the best" round robin tourney would have the top two teams play for gold and the bottom two teams play for bronze.



The Car Quest Auto Highland Storm Midget B Girls team had reason to smile after winning the Lower Lakes Female Hockey League Midget B Division Championship this past weekend in Oshawa. They won the championship, going undefeated (1-0-2) at the tournament before they played the gold medal final where they beat the Flamborough Falcons 1-0. Submitted by Leigh-Ann McLean

After two scoreless periods, Kenndal Marsden put the Storm up 1-0 finishing off a rush down the boards going forehand backhand, putting home the rebound to take the third period 1-0 lead. The Rams never gave up and tied the game late in the third period. Great second game of the day girls.

In game two of the day (game three counting the Ice Kats) the Storm faced off against the South Central loop Champs - Flamborough Falcons who had the best season record (19-1-2) in an evening match-up. The Storm recharged themselves and took to the ice against the deep and talented Falcons. Erica Carmount put the Storm up 1-0 midway through the first period with a backhand that fooled the Flamborough tender. The Falcons never relented and put pressure on the Storm the bulk of the game with their strong skating and quick puck movement. Late in the third period, the Falcons tied the game at 1-1 as the Storm started to show some exhaustion and getting back on their heels instead of being on their toes and keeping the pressure on Flamborough. Great three game "undefeated" (0-0-3) effort girls in a day that started with such emotion and energy!

In game three of the championship tourney, the Storm needed a win to secure a birth in the gold

medal finals. Taking on the central loop champs - Caledon Coyotes (13-4-5), the Storm did not want to play for a bronze by letting the Coyotes play spoilers. Using a good night's sleep and their energy reserves recharged for day two and the championship finals, the Storm ramped up their level of play. Kenndal Marsden and Alicia McLean both netted a pair and Kelsey Maracle chipped in with a single defeating Caledon by a score of 5-2. The win put the Storm (1-0-2) in the gold medal final against the tough Flamborough Falcons (2-0-1) at 8 p.m. In the gold medal game, the Falcons came out flying, taking their attack to the Storm who struggled early to find their upper gear. After two scoreless periods and killing a few penalties, Sydney Feir capitalized on a rebound and slapped home a goal mouth scramble early in the third period to give the Storm a 1-0 lead. The Falcons kept attacking and the Storm kept battling back. Moving their feet and moving the puck allowed the Storm to keep Flamborough struggling to sustain consistent pressure as the clock wound down. With dying seconds left in the game, and a failed clearing attempt by the Storm, the Falcons had a golden opportunity to tie the game with less than 10 seconds in the game, but Connor Marsden "shut the door" and showed "the wall" of defence to secure the gold medal. Wow! Great team effort Storm girls! You are LLFHL Midget B League Champions! You are the "best of the best!" Good luck at the all-Ontario provincial finals on April 10 to 12 in Erin Mills.

Submitted by Dan Marsden

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A meaty affair

Attendees of the wild game dinner at the Haliburton Legion check out the prize items at the silent auction table. There was also a live auction and several draws done throughout the evening raising money for the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association, which runs the fish hatchery outside of Haliburton. About 180 tickets were sold. /JENN WATT Staff

Notice



Municipality of Highlands East is accepting applications for the following positions:
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JUNIOR LIFEGUARD
For the Cardiff Pool

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Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association wild game dinner organizer Dan Johnson stirs a pot of bear stew ahead of dinner.



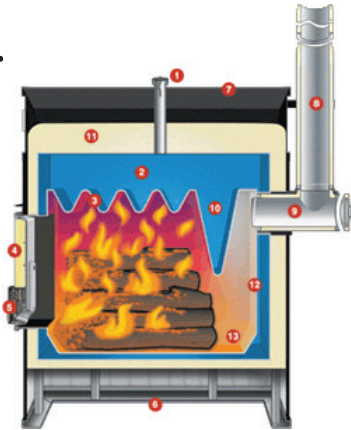
A great blue heron shirts across the water at sunset in a Janet Bradley painting up for grabs at the wild game dinner.

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Figure skaters golden

The Haliburton high school figure skating team displays their Gold Medals after winning the Eastern Ontario High School Invitational Figure Skating Competition in Arnprior on March 24. From left, Ariel Weiss, Larissa Stephenson, River Christiano, Vivian Collings, Skye Miscio, Shae MacNaull (Captain) and Madi Allaire.

HHSS staff supervisor Jackie Mayhew is proud of the team who secured excellent results in singles, pairs, dance and team events placing top five in 27 of 28 events and representing HHSS with integrity and excellence. She would also like to thank Jane Symons for her continued support of the team's participation in this school event, financial sponsors Dollo's Foodland, T.J. Welding & Enterprises, parents Kelli MacNaull and Kelly Allaire and Mr. Marsden for his continuing to support our efforts to put HHSS on the figure skating map...a goal achieved this year! Submitted by Jackie Mayhew.

Notice



Municipality of Dysart et al

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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

- **DATE:** Monday May 4th, 2015
- **TIME:** 5:00 pm
- **LOCATION:** Council Chambers in the Municipal Office
135 Maple Ave., Haliburton, Ontario

APPLICATIONS:

1. Lands of Smith:
 - Purpose and Effect: to zone the lands for the intended waterfront residential use. This is an addition to a neighbour's property and no additional lots are created.
 - Zone change from RU1 to WR4L.
 - This application is a condition of application for consent H-029/14.
 - Location: Part Lot 22, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Dysart (Smith Lane).

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Municipality of Dysart et al to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Municipality of Dysart et al before the proposed zoning by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

FURTHER INFORMATION: including the draft by-law is available from the Planning Department at the Municipality Office during regular office hours (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Dated at the Township of Dysart, this 31st day of March, 2015.

Patricia Martin, B.E.S., MCIP, RPP
Director of Planning and Development



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NOTICE OF PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al passed By-law 2015-20 on the 23rd day of March, 2015 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter P.13, as amended.

By-law 2015-20 is a general housekeeping amendment to Comprehensive Zoning By-law 2005-120, which has been prepared pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, c.P13, as amended. The amendment ensures that the Zoning By-law remains current and clear in its direction and addresses the needs of the community. The following sections of By-law 2005-120 are affected by the proposed by-law:

- Section 2.5 Definition – Average Finished Grade: changed to be consistent with Building Code.
- Section 2.25 Definition – Dwelling: clarified - does not include shipping containers or similar structures.
- Section 2.59 Definition – High Water Mark: clarified - as shown on a current survey.
- Section 2.61 Definition – Home Industry: clarified - does not include a bed and breakfast.
- Section 2.87: Definition – Marina: add - includes the sale of propane.
- Section 2.105 Definition – Non-Complying, Legal: clarified the start date.
- Section 3.7 General Provisions – Encroachments into Setbacks: clarified – decks cannot be expanded within 10 m of the high water mark.
- Section 3.19(a)(v) General Provisions – Non-Complying Structures and Lots: clarified – decks cannot be expanded within 10 m of the high water mark.
- Section 3.19(e) General Provisions – Alterations to Lots Causing Structures to be Non-Compliant: clarified - conveyance of land for a public use does not affect legal status.
- Section 3.25 General Provisions – Quonset Huts: expanded to include a corrugated steel buildings.
- Table 5.1 Residential Zones – Permitted Uses:
 - In RR, RS, R1 and R2 zones: permit duplex and semi-detached dwellings.
 - In RR zone: permit hobby farm.
- Table 5.2 Residential Zones – Zone Provisions:
 - Lot Area: WR3, WR3L, WR4, WR4L: increased to 4000 m².
 - Total Accessory Buildings per Lot: to all WR zones and RR zone permit one additional accessory building less than 10 m².
 - Maximum gross floor area for any floor of a main building in any WR zone is increased to 372 m².
 - Structure Height: restrict structure height of 1 storey accessory buildings to 5.5 m.
- Table 9.1 Rural Zones – Permitted Uses:
 - In RU1 and RU2 zones: permit duplex and semi-detached dwellings.
- Zones for specific properties updated to correspond with existing use as shown on the zone schedules.

By-law 2015-20 applies to all lands within the Municipality of Dysart et al.

A complete copy of By-law 2015-20 is available for review at the Planning Department at the Municipal Offices during regular office hours (8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday to Friday).

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any person, corporation or public body may appeal to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the By-law by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the United Townships of Dysart et al not later than the 20th day of April, 2015, a notice of appeal, which sets out the reasons in support of the appeal. This notice must be accompanied by Appellant Form A-1 of the Ontario Municipal Board (completed in full) and the prescribed fee of \$125.00, made payable to the Minister of Finance of Ontario. Appellant Form A-1 is available from the Municipal Office, during regular office hours.

Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning By-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A notice of appeal may not be filed by an un-incorporated association or group. However, a notice of appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group on its behalf.

No person or public body shall be added as a party to the hearing of the appeal unless, before the by-law was passed, the person or public body made oral submissions at a public meeting or written submissions to the council or, in the opinion of the Ontario Municipal Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

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Spring Splash at Sir Sam's

A skier at the annual Spring Splash event is a blur this past Saturday afternoon on March 28 at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride.

Photos by Tim Tofflemire



Not all participants were successful in crossing the "cool pool."



There were hundreds who watched the participants of the annual Spring Splash event this past Saturday afternoon on March 28 at Sir Sam's Ski and Ride in Eagle Lake. The annual event, which ends the season, draws a colourful group that attempt to span the "cool pool."



There were hundreds who watched the participants of the annual Spring Splash event. About 50 skiers registered.



A skier tries to stay up while crossing the "cool pool" at the annual Spring Splash event this past Saturday afternoon.

Aiming for the house, finding a home

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

After last season's great year, the Haliburton Curling Club's Youth Curling Program is continuing its success with close to 50 registered curlers.

There were 38 elementary school aged participants who learned how to curl, develop their skills and have fun while socializing with peers, including 13 bantam (high school) curlers.

All of the participants are provided brooms, grippers and sliders, including transportation from school.

This 20-week program held from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Wednesday typically starts after Thanksgiving, breaks for Christmas and then resumes until the end of March.

The last day for the elementary aged curlers included instruction and curling, followed by homemade cupcakes, a veggie plate and pizzas.

Bob MacNaull, the program's convenor and coach, loves giving this opportunity to pass on his love for sport and curling to another generation.

Participants not only learn how to curl, but to work in teams and learn how to win and how to lose.

The most important thing, he said, is that once they step off the ice that they know they gave their best effort. "That's all you can ask for," he said.

MacNaull said he is appreciative of the long-standing support by the club, the 15 members who volunteered their time to instruct and coach, and the community.

Six years ago when the program started there were only 10 youth curlers and the participation really took off when they invited children from the nearby school and provided transportation through generous sponsors.

This year there are 13 players on three mixed teams that will play at the provincial level when they compete at the Timbits Elementary School Championship from April 1 to 4 at the Gananoque Curling Club.

One of those players is Emma Tidey, a curler for four years. She likes curling for its mental aspect as much as the physical benefits.

"It's like playing a big puzzle. I'm the skip so you get all the rocks at the front of the house and [you ask yourself] where do I go from here?" she said.

Tidey is teamed with Corin Gervais, second, Hannah Lewis, lead, and Ania Smolen, vice.

They are guaranteed four games at the 64 team field competition.

Tidey will be joined by two other teams that includes fellow Haliburton curlers Bella Smolen, Holly Parish, Savannah Byers, Jonah Aldom, Micah Aldom, Mackenzie Tidey, Jessica Byers, Dustyn McCready-DeBruin and Destiny Wilson.

Last year the club sent three teams.

The best showing at the event was a fourth place finish.

A good team comes down to trust, Tidey said.

"You have to be able to trust your skip and trust everybody else that they know what they're doing," she said.

Tidey, who credits the volunteers with great coaching, adds keeping calm under pressure is also another important factor for success.

She adds curling has been good for her in terms of being able to improve no expressing her emotions, which she attributes to volunteer Hugh Nichol.

MacNaull adds, this year the program expanded and added a bantam offering, which is up to 16-years-old, for Wednesday evenings.

The amount of participants and nights offered for the youth program is about right, he said. Anymore the possibility of ice time and ice making challenges comes up.

Increasing the age limit for youth has meant greater opportunities for competitive play and further skill development to the young curlers who see greater opportunities to continue curling.

"The natural progression is that they want to get involved in curling bonspiels," he said.

Although the club held its own bonspiel at the club, the club enables the young curlers to travel to other bonspiels such as in Fenelon Falls.

For the bantam aged curlers, the club has entered curlers into the Ontario Curling Association bantam zone playdowns for the boys, girls and mixed teams.

"It's all about broadening horizons of the game and give them the opportunity to see how other kids perform and see how they measure up," he said.



Curlers Spencer Bowker, 9, and Logan Malette, 10, curl on the last night for the Haliburton Curling Club's Youth Curling Program on its last night of the year on Wednesday, March 25 in Haliburton. The 20-week session offers elementary school aged children an opportunity to learn to curl, develop skills and socialize. /DARREN LUM Staff



J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School's mixed elementary school curling team of second, Mackenzie Tidey, left, skip, Dustyn McCready-DeBruin, vice, Jessica Byers, and lead, Destiny Wilson (with coach Terry Lawrence) will compete in the 28th annual Timbits Elementary School Championship this week (April 1 to 4) at the Gananoque Curling Club.



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The Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands requires a PLANNER

The Township of Algonquin Highlands with a permanent population of 2,000 and a seasonal population exceeding 10,000 is known within Central Ontario as an area of natural beauty where residents enjoy a rural lifestyle second to none.

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Hagerman family loses loved one

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The Pattersons, John and Thea, of Cranberry Lake area have returned from a month's time away in the east. They saw Singapore, the coast of Malaysia, Thailand and Burma where they saw the famous gold-topped temple and museums. Other points of interest were Malacca, Rangoon, Kuala Lumpur. Burma is renamed Myanmar. People there are still expressing thanks to Canadians for the assistance received in the wake of the tsunami 10 years ago. Further on in their travels John and Thea spent time in Germany and England.

In contrast to other Cranberry Lake news is the shock of hearing of the death, so sudden and unexpected, of Shawn Hagerman. Our hearts go out to Dianne and family, Adam, Katharine and Abby Blythe. Much concern and support will be offered in the time ahead as the Hagermans face this devastating loss.

What a contrast in experience of loss was our family's time as we rejoiced in the celebration of Earl's 88th birthday on March 28 here at home as 40 guests came in to wish Earl all the best in 2015 and on. Neighbours and friends brought cards enjoyed visiting with friends and our Alan Cooper from Orillia, and helped us eat the scrumptious cake made and decorated by Shelley van Nood. Thank you, one and all who kept it a surprise and helped clean up and serve while the party was on.

Euchre for March 24.

High scores - Pearl Kernohan and Henk van Nood

Low - Leslie Thatcher and Gerald Hadley

Most Lone Hands - Myra Marshall and Diane Madonick

Maple Fest just days away

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It's become a tradition here. Bring family. Meet friends. Easter Saturday is days away. So head to the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre any time between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.. It's Maple Fest. Celebrate a sweet Canadian treasure. Have maple syrup on pancakes with sausages on the side. Volunteers will be serving up the food again this year. View a display of syrup making equipment from old to newer pieces.

Check out the craft tables. Look for the Easter bunny who may be hopping by. Have a look at the beautiful quilt that the Heritage Guild is raffling this year. Relax and start to enjoy spring.

How good the Lloyd Watson Centre looked and sounded last Friday afternoon as the Highlands Concert Band performed for an appreciative audience. The band members were well arranged with the colourful Local Lore hanging at their backs along the side wall. All of the students grades 4 to 8 from the Wilberforce Elementary School were there to experience live music by this group, to actually see and hear them play. After a rousing opening number from *Beauty and the Beast*, band leader Glen Carter had players hold up their instruments and then each section

played a few bars. There were flutes, saxophones, clarinets, oboe, tuba, trombone, French horns. trumpet, bells, xylophone, drums and cymbals.

The program, well designed to appeal to the young people also delighted the many adults who took the fine opportunity to attend this free concert.

An African number had one imagining African kids playing games. Selections were from *The Phantom of the Opera*, *Joseph and His Amazing Dream Coat*, *Fiddler On The Roof*, and *Cats*. A medley of four marches from movies concluded the entertaining program.

It was interesting to watch the students being such an attentive audience. Some children were noticed looking at their surroundings especially up at the impressive wooden beams and ceiling. They were treated as the important audience they were. They each had a chair and seated so they could see and hear the action. In this hall these kids visit regular for their physical education lessons. At their Christmas concert they sit on the floor up front. They were truly a fine concert audience.

Thanks to Mr. Carter for his chairing as well as conducting and to all the band members. And thanks to Mark Bramham, trumpeter in the band and the initiator of this concert.

The curling season here ended with an excellent bonspiel last weekend. On Friday evening and all day Saturday 10 teams of men and boys played some good games. In addition to curlers from the home club some teams included family members and friends. Very welcome were two teams from the Minden Club and one from the Bancroft Club.

Winning the tournament was the Bancroft team skipped by Bob Lalonde with Jon Williamson, Chuck Brady and Earl Liversed. They scored 53.75 points taking all three games. Hot on their heels was the Wilberforce team of Gord Fitch, George Callfas, Lloyd Callfas and Chris Stickland with 49 points. In third spot was the Minden team of Larry Ferguson, Steve Robson, Ross Bryant and Doug Brown with 44.75 points. Congratulations to them and all the participants. Special applause to 10-year-old Corin Gervais who played well on the Hill team Friday night and then substituted on the Stephen team for an injured player in two games on Saturday.

A fine roast beef dinner and the awarding of prizes concluded a well organized and fun 'spiel. Thanks to club leaders for this event and for a very good season especially the program of lessons for the Wilberforce Elementary School students which has been a one of a kind program in the country.

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kbaird@hhhs.on.ca
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www.hhhs.ca

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Township of Algonquin Highlands requires a Deputy Chief Building Official/ By-Law Officer

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Township of Algonquin Highlands
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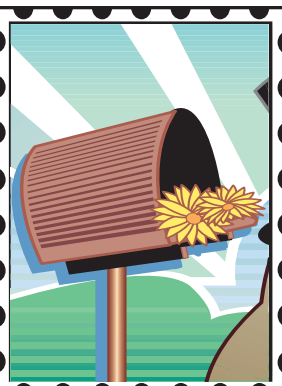
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Passed away peacefully, after a courageous battle, at the South Lake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at the age of 64.

Dearly beloved wife of Robert and beloved mother of Richard (Wendy). Loving grandmother to Justin (Brittany), Amelia, and Tahlia, and great grandmother of Dean, Daniel and Marie. Loving sister of Sandy, Bruce, Connie and predeceased by Dan. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Saturday, April 4, 2015 from 12:00 o'clock noon until the time of the Service to Celebrate Kay's Life in the Chapel at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the Monk-Cray Family Centre. Cremation has taken place.

Memorial Donations to the Kidney Foundation or to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of

John "Jack" Eldridge Johnston

Passed away suddenly at the Haliburton Hospital on Monday, March 23, 2015 in his 84th year.

Beloved husband of Sandra (2009), dear father of Peggy Trueman and predeceased by infant son Carmen. Loving grandpa to Adam, Mackenzie, Alex and Spencer. Dear brother of Don Johnston, Doris Watterworth, and Bill Johnston (Jane). Dear brother in law of Donna Larter, and Jim Pearsell (Penny). Fondly remembered by many nieces, nephews, family and friends.

Visitation will be held at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0 on Monday, March 30, 2015 from 11:00 am until the time of service to Celebrate Jack's Life in the chapel at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow in the family centre at the Funeral Home. Spring Interment at Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton.

Memorial donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of

Shawn Leonard Hagerman



With love and sadness the family of Shawn Hagerman announces his passing on March 27th, 2015. He went unexpectedly but peacefully in his sleep during an afternoon nap at his home on Cranberry Lake at the age of 66.

Beloved husband of Dianne (nee Earle). Loving father of Adam (Dawn), Katharine (Hani), Abby Blythe (Greg) and granddad of Tessa. Dear brother-in-law of Ron (Heather), uncle to Diana (Jay), Lesley (Chad), Katelyn (Brian), Kelly-Lynne (Kelly), great uncle to Charlsie (Andrew), Darcy (Amanda), Mattea (Mike), Sophie, Kaley and great great uncle to Harrison. Fondly remembered by his family and friends.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 from 2-4 pm and 6-8 pm. Then to St. George's Anglican Church, Haliburton on Wednesday, April 1, 2015 for the Service to Celebrate Shawn's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception will follow at the church downstairs. Cremation.

Memorial Donations to "the Friends of Algonquin Provincial Park" or to the 4 C's would be appreciated by the family.



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In Loving Memory of

Larry Eric Hodgson

Passed away suddenly at home on March 21, 2015 at the age of 61.

Words cannot express how much Larry will be missed by wife Stephanie, children David (Jessie), Madison, Sierra (Michael) and Kellsey, siblings Lorraine (Barry) and Jeff (Christine) and countless others who he welcomed to his home and cottage.

To Larry, every setback only served as added motivation to squeeze the most out of life. He was a champion of accessibility, a relentless dreamer who was always excited to break ground on his next creation, and a lover of a towering bonfire surrounded by family and friends.

All are invited to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden, Ontario on Friday, March 27th from 2:00 until 4:00 pm for a Celebration of Life. Dress comfortably and be ready to share your favorite memories of Larry.

In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations to the Lakefield Animal Welfare Society or the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0.



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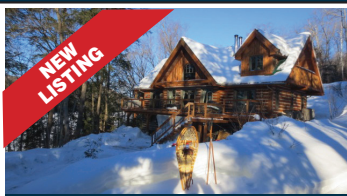


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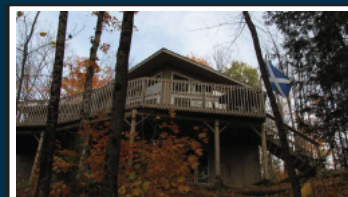
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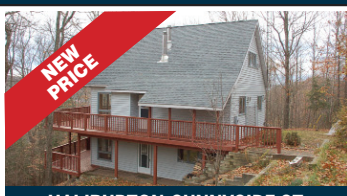
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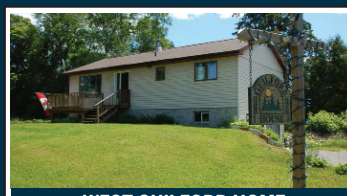
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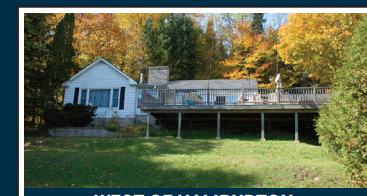
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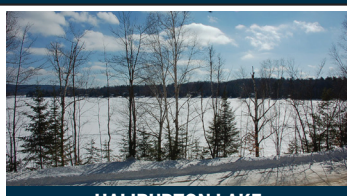
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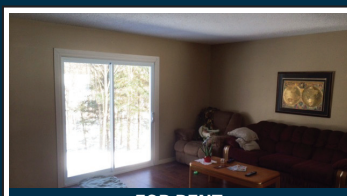
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